shall certify that such last named absence, not exceeding fifteen days, as aforesaid, was occasioned by sickness or other unavoidable cause.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take Effective. effect from the date of its passage.

-Approved April 10, 1880.

CHAPTER 462.

AN ACT to repeal section two of chapter four hundred and twenty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "An act to protect Diamond Back Terrapins in the waters of the State of Maryland," and to regulate the catching the same, and to re-enact the same so as to exclude Worcester and Dorchester counties from the operation thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That section two of chapter four hundred and twenty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "An act to protect Diamond Back Terrapins in the waters of the State of Maryland," and to regulate the catching the same, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

SEC. 2. Be it enacted, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch from the waters of this State, any diamond back terrapins of a less size than five inches in length upon the bottom shell, at any time, provided that the provisions of this section shall not apply to Worcester and Dorchester counties.

Unlawful to catch or take.

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